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SUBJECT: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR RUEDIGER PROSKE

1. RUEDIGER PROSKE, INDEPENDENT GERMAN TV DOCUMENTARY PRODUCER, REQUESTS FACILITATIVE SUPPORT IN THE PRODUCTION OF PROGRAM TITLED, "MILITARY COMPETITION IN OUTER SPACE." PROSKE HAS COOPERATED WITH USIS/GERMANY IN THE PREPARATION OF OTHER FILMS--"BETWEEN PEACE AND OVERKILL," "ENVIRONMENT: CHALLENGES OF MANKIND," AND "THE PLANETARY SYSTEM." SUBJECT OF CURRENT FILM IS SENSITIVE SINCE PROSKE SEEKS DISCUSSION PARTNER QUALIFIED TO TALK ABOUT IMPLICATIONS OF SOVIET ATTEMPTS TO DEVELOP INTERCEPTOR KILLER SATELLITES. BASIC THEME OF PROGRAM IS SPACE SHOULD REMAIN DEMILITARIZED. HOWEVER, RECENT DEVELOPMENTS RAISE QUESTION WHETHER THIS WILL BE POSSIBLE IF KILLER SATELLITES ARE DEVELOPED. PROSKE WOULD LIKE TO AVOID SPECULATION OF PROXY WARS IN SPACE.

2. KEEPING ABOVE IN MIND, PROSKE WOULD LIKE TO INTERVIEW
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EITHER WILLIAM J. PERRY, UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING OR DR. ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI. HIS OFFICE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH A MAJOR FRIEND IN THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE OF THE PENTAGON. PROSKE COULD BE IN WASHINGTON ANYTIME FROM APRIL 20 THROUGH MAY 6.

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3. DURING HIS VISIT TO U.S., HE WILL ALSO PREPARE TWO ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS: 1. AMERICAN ENTERTAINMENT PARKS, AND 2. THE EMANCIPATION OF THE AMERICAN WOMEN. NO ADDITIONAL FACILITATIVE SUPPORT HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FOR THESE FILMS.
4. SPACE FILM WILL FOCUS ON SPACE RESEARCH, VARIOUS TYPES OF SATELLITES NOW IN USE AS WELL AS MILITARY COMPETITION IN SPACE. WHILE IN U.S. PROSKE AND ACCOMPANYING TEAM PLAN TO VISIT EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, LOS ALAMOS, AND NORAD.
POST SUPPORTS PROSKE'S REQUEST EVEN THOUGH THE SUBJECT MATTER IS HIGHLY SENSITIVE, WE BELIEVES IT BETTER TO DEAL WITH IT OPENLY AS POSSIBLE RATHER THAN ALLOW SPECULATION. THEME SUPPORTS COUNTRY PLAN OBJECTIVE II.
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